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1. CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 18 FORWARD REPAIR,
NO. 18 ADD.1 ALSO FORWARD INCLUDING FIRST 46 PARAS
OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL WORKING PAPER AS AGREED AT
WORKING GROUP LEVEL.

2. CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 18 ADD.2 REPEATED BELOW.

3. PARAS 48; 52-54; 60; AND 62 BEING FORWARD SEPTTEL.

FIRST OVER-ALL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

32 A. (TO BE INSERTED AFTER PARAGRAPH 32 IN CRP.18/ADD.1)
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THE ATTITUDE OF SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE
UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES OF THOSE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
THAT INFRINGE THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES DID NOT HELP IN CREATING A SITUATION SUITABLE

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE IDS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE OVER-ALL FLOW OF OFFICIAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS A PERCENTAGE OF GNP IT HAS ACTUALLY REMAINED STAGNANT AND STILL INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE THE EXISTING STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE HAS RESTRICTED THE GROWTH OF EXPORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MENTION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE OF THE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE INFLATIONARY EFFECT OF THE RISING COSTS OF IMPORTS. IN A NUMBER OF CASES THE ALREADY HEAVY BURDEN ON THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CAUSED BY REMITTANCES FOR PAYMENTS OF PROFIT OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND FOR DEBT SERVICING HAS BEEN INCREASED, AMONG OTHER REASONS, AS A RESULT OF CURRENCY REALIGNMENTS. THE MONETARY CRISIS HAS ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

32 B. A MORE IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION THAN HAS BEEN POSSIBLE AT THIS FIRST REVIEW IS NEEDED TO DETERMINE FULLY THE CAUSES FOR SHORTFALLS IN ACHIEVING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TARGETS. ONE MAJOR REASON FOR THE SHORTFALL IN OVER-ALL GROWTH RATES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS THE FAILURE IN 1972 TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPERIENCED ACTUAL DECREASES IN THE OUTPUT OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH BULKS LARGE IN THE ECONOMIES OF MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN SPITE OF THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS INDUSTRIALIZATION WHICH IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT. SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALSO EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING FULLER EMPLOYMENT AND BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME. IN SOME CASES, ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WAS DIVERTED TO MEET CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS.

MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE EMBARKED UPON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ON THE BASIS OF NATIONALLY DETERMINED PRIORITIES. THIS SHOULD ASSIST IN ATTRACTING AND COMMITTING ASSISTANCE
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TO SPEED DEVELOPMENT. THE FURTHER ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS AND THE ENDOWMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WITH PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL PRECONDITIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND EFFECTIVE USE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES. THE BUILDING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFRA-STRUCTURE CAN BE HASTENED BY APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SUCH ACTION IS IMPORTANT IF THE TARGETS OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE ARE TO BE MET BY MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

47. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PROMOTE GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE BENEFITS THAT AN EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR CAN BRING NOT ONLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT TO THE ECONOMICALLY-ADVANCED COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

IN THIS CONNEXION, IN RESORTING IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES TO ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE PARTICULAR EFFORTS TO AVOID TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SUCH CLAUSES ON THE EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THROUGH ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES INCLUDING THE MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING CLAUSES IN THEIR APPLICATION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD IN APPROPRIATE CASES, PROVIDE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR WORKERS AND ENTERPRISES THAT ARE NO LONGER COMPETITIVE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRY SUPPLIERS, THEREBY HELPING TO ACHIEVE A BETTER DOMESTIC ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

48. BEGIN BRACKETS NOT YET CONSIDERED END BRACKETS.

49. THE ADOPTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF A UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTABLE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES AND ITS URGENT IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF REGULATING AND MAKING MORE EFFICIENT WORLD LINER SHIPPING, OF FACILITATING THE ORDERLY EXPANSION OF WORLD SEA-BORNE TRADE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE POSITION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF SHIPPING AND OF ASSISTING THEM IN INCREASING THEIR NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS. THE CODE SHOULD FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREIGHT RATES FAIR TO BOTH SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS.

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50. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS SLIPPAGE EVIDENCE IN PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OVER-ALL TARGETS FOR THE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAS SO FAR FALLEN SHORT OF THE RELEVANT TARGETS, SHOULD MAKE ALL POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, TO ACHIEVE THE TARGETS LAID DOWN IN THE STRATEGY AS ADOPTED. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO MAY REACH THE TARGETS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXCEED THEM. VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE TARGET FOR TRANSFER OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, THE MOST CONCRETE INDICATOR OF THE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THUS A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY. FURTHERMORE, THE AIM SHOULD BE TO ARRIVE AT A MORE PRECISE AND UNAMBIGUOUS DEFINITION OF THIS TARGET IN TIME FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW. THE TERMS OF TRANSFER, I.E., TIME-LIMITS FOR REPAYMENT, RATES OF INTEREST AND GRACE PERIODS, SHOULD ALSO BE SOFTENED IN CASES WHERE THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE RECENTLY, AND AN INCREASING PROPORTION PROVIDED ON A GRANT OR CONCESSIONAL BASIS.

50. A. THE TREND TO PROVIDE AN INCREASED PROPORTION OF TRANSFERS THROUGH MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED. FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN INTER-

NATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO THE BEST WAY OF PROTECTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AGAINST ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF DECLINE IN EXPORT PRICES OR EARNINGS, INCLUDING THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHEME OF SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCING. HOWEVER, GREATER EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN IN FUTURE TO THE PROVISION BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF PROGRAMME LOANS TO THOSE COUNTRIES FACING DIFFICULTIES IN THIS FIELD.

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51. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ASSIST IN SOLVING THE INCREASINGLY SERIOUS DEBT PROBLEM OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY SHOULD, BY ALL MEANS POSSIBLE, HELP TO FORESTALL EXPECTED PAYMENTS CRISES, THROUGH INTER ALIA, REFINANCING OF PAST DEBTS ON APPROPRIATE AND EQUITABLE TERMS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THIS PROBLEM CANNOT SOLVED IN ISOLATION, BUT NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED IN A MANNER WHICH ALSO DEALS ADEQUATELY WITH THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

52-54 /NOT YET CONSIDERED/

55. THE PROBLEMS IN THE MONETARY, TRADE AND FINANCE SPHERES SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE THROUGH APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS AS ENVISAGED IN THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF UNCTAD, WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

56. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO

FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A MANNER ATTUNED TO THE NEEDS OF
THE LATTER. IN THIS CONTEXT, A WIDER RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE
TECHNOLOGIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SO THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE THE TECHNOLOGIES MOST APPROPRIATE
TO THEIR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE
READY, AT THE REQUEST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES, TO ENLARGE
SIGNIFICANTLY THEIR DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
FOR THEIR PROGRAMMES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE
CREATION OF SUITABLE INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGIES. MOREOVER, IN
THEIR OWN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, THEY SHOULD
ENCOURAGE THE EVOLUTION, IN CO-OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, OF COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMES THAT HELP TO ACCELE-
RATE THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE OF THE LATTER.
FURTHERMORE, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE, AS APPROPRIATE, TO
HARMONIZE THE COMMERCIAL PRACTICES GOVERNING THE TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT.

57. NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
SHOULD BE ELABORATED AND, AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENTED, WITHIN
THE CONTEXT OF A PROGRAMME FOR PROMOTING THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FACILITATE THE IMPLE-
MENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE STRATEGY AS WELL
AS IN THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF UNCTAD. IN THIS CONTEXT URGENT
ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CODE OF
CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

57 /A/. IN VIEW OF THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD MAKE TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS,
SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD RECEIVE INCREASED SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGH
ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN
THE AREA OF TRADE AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS LINKS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL
AS IN OTHER RELATED FIELDS.

58. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO
THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION, ON THE BASIS OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 62
(III) OF THE SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE COMMERCIAL POLICY FIELD,
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AND ENDEAVOUR TO EVOLVE AND IMPLEMENT NEW MEASURES IN ALL FIELDS,
PARTICULARLY IN TRADE AND FINANCING, SO AS TO ENABLE THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DERIVE EQUITABLE BENEFITS FROM
THE GENERAL MEASURES ENVISAGED IN FAVOUR OF ALL DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES.

59. AS ENVISAGED BY UNCTAD RESOLUTION 63 (III), URGENT AND COMPREHENSIVE ACTION IN FAVOUR OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR MEETING THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARDS ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH THE NEIGHBOURING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

60. /TO BE COMPLETED/

61. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND IN ORDER TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, VIGOROUS AND CONCRETE STEPS AND ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY BY THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES CONCERNED, TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES SO AS TO RESTORE THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THEIR UNDENIABLE AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND TO ACHIEVE DURABLE PEACE, JUSTICE AND SUSTAINED PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
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